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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT TACOMA

8 TERRY W. GIBSON,

9 Plaintiff,

v.

10 STATE FARM MUTUAL
11 AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE
COMPANY,

12 Defendant.

CASE NO. C18-5953 BHS

ORDER DENYING THE PARTIES'
STIPULATED MOTION AND
PROPOSED ORDER
CONTINUING TRIAL DATE AND
AMENDING CASE SCHEDULE

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14 This matter comes before the Court on the parties' stipulated motion and proposed
15 order continuing trial date and amending case schedule. Dkt. 15.

16 On March 8, 2019, the Court issued a scheduling order setting pretrial deadlines
17 and a trial date. Dkt. 14. On July 17, 2019, the parties filed the instant motion requesting
18 an approximately four-month extension of the trial date and corresponding extensions of
19 the remaining deadlines because the parties would like additional time to complete
20 discovery and pursue settlement. Dkt. 15. "A schedule may be modified only for good
21 cause and with the judge's consent." Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4). A general request for
22 more time to complete discovery and to pursue settlement does not establish good cause

1 to modify the scheduling order. Instead, the Court requires an actual discovery dispute
2 that the parties are unable to resolve in the allotted time, a scheduled mediation that
3 actually interferes with impending deadlines, or some other reason supported by facts that
4 explain why the present schedule should be amended. The parties' bare request without
5 supporting facts is insufficient. Thus, the Court **DENIES** the parties' motion because
6 they have failed to establish good cause.

7 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

8 Dated this 18th day of July, 2019.

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BENJAMIN H. SETTLE
United States District Judge
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